

How do I help my child succeed in school?

There are numerous reasons why some children do not excel in school, such as poor work habits, emotional and behavioral issues, and learning disabilities. It's important to find the cause of your child's poor performance and develop a plan to aid them in performing to their full potential. Parents are encouraged to schedule a meeting with their child's teacher when they suspect that their child is having difficulty in order to identify the problem area and discuss ways to improve. When unsuccessful, parents are encouraged to seek an evaluation by a professional to help clarify complex issues.

When addressing a possible lack of motivation to succeed, it's recommended that parents communicate with their children about their school activities to convey that they're interested. Helping children to understand that accomplishments sometimes require time and effort will encourage them to take on new challenges and follow through with school tasks. Parents should collaborate with children to set realistic goals and provide praise for their achievements. However, parents need to be cautious about having expectations that are too low or too high as this can hinder their child's self-esteem development. Developing a daily homework routine, assisting with organizational skills, and reviewing completed work will aid with children's improvement. Regular communication with your child's teacher will ensure that children are succeeding at home and at school.